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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 3, 2009, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Group I (claims 1, 3-13, 15-26 and 28-39) for initial examination on the merits.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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